

December 2004 - Early Action Compact Progress Report Lexington County



1. In an effort to keep our contact information updated; please provide the following information for your county:

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2. List any progress (if applicable) since your June 2004 submittal? (stakeholder meetings, events held; special projects; etc.)

Lexington County in conjunction with DHEC, Richland County, and Keep America Beautiful have participated in two (2) gas can exchange events. In addition, with Richland County taking the lead, Lexington County is jointly applying for a grant for Gas Cap Replacement/Gas Cap Wrenches. Lexington County's County Council adopted our "Air Quality Awareness and Improvement Policy" and this was distributed to all Department Heads/Elected Officials on December 6, 2004, to begin implementation. This policy was previously sent to DHEC's office. The County will be planting approximately 10-15 acres of trees and/or shrubbery (at maturity) for additional landscaping areas on Lexington County owned property that will reduce mowing and the use of gas powered lawn equipment. Lexington County Planning Department is currently working with County Council, and Developers for proposed scenic corridors throughout the County for the preservation of natural buffers along roadways. Lexington County currently publishes an in-house newsletter for all County employees. I have been working with the Employee Committee beginning 2005, to incorporate information about Air Quality issues. Also, I have been working with Lexington County GIS department for the introduction of an Environmental link for our Public Works Department discussing Air Quality and related issues hopefully to be implemented in 2005. I have also spoke with Ms. Jan Bonnette, PR with MCEC, about publishing Air Quality information/issues in their newsletter that is distributed to all of MCEC customers, hopefully this will be achievable sometime in 2005. Amy Curran, with DHEC, and myself have talked about outreach within the school system and we are looking to implement Air Quality seminars within the Lexington County school system in 2005.

3. In March 2004, the local Early Action Plan included emission reduction strategies to be implemented no later than April 2005. Do you continue to be on schedule to implement those strategies? Yes: ☒X___ No: _____

4. What assistance is needed from our office to assist you in implementing the emission reduction strategies by April 2005?
Everything that you have in the way of assistance for the implementation of emission strategies, I would be pleased to learn/hear about. Henry Phillips had previously mentioned he would make available presentations during our June meeting but I haven't seen anything from him.
5. Are you aware of activities being held within your county that were not included in the March 2004 EAP (i.e., gas can exchange events; public outreach and educational events; "Grow" workshops; are their cities within your county designated as "Tree City USA", etc.)?
Yes we are aware of some of the activities and have been part of two (2) gas can exchanges in conjunction with DHEC, Richland County, and Keep America Beautiful. We have been organizing and hope to begin in 2005 with public outreach/education to adults/children through presentations to (rotary, schools, churches, etc.) Lexington County has one (1) municipality that is designated as "Tree City USA", and that is the Town of Lexington. There are several municipalities (Irmo, Gilbert, West Columbia, Cayce, Chapin) within Lexington County that currently have Tree Ordinances in place for development. Lexington County also has a Landscaping Ordinance in place.
6. Do you have any requests for specific assistance from the Department and/or the EPA?
If possible, I would like power point presentations that DHEC has available for both adults and children. And any appropriate literature that may be distributed at these proposed meetings.

7. If possible, please provide electronic signatures of person(s) completing this report

Supervisor/Manager/Administrator: John Fechtel, Sheri Armstrong

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